



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Mr. John A. Hammargren
Mr. Carl E. Moore
Mr. Michael A. Russell

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2004**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Montano at 10:05 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montano led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE - ROLL CALL

Present:

Chair Eleanor R. Montano
Vice Chair Helen H. Stathatos
Frank Bacio
Vito Cannella
John Hammargren
Carl Moore

Absent

James Cragin
Michael Russell

Others Present

B. Eugene Romig, Executive Office
Sherry Scates, Commission Staff

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2004

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Commissioner Moore and unanimously carried, the Minutes of August 4, 2004 were approved with the following changes/corrections:

Page 2, Staff Report, 3rd bullet: Correct spelling of Lt. John Domen

Page 3, Last paragraph, add to last sentence: "...although it still appears on the Group Homes Site Directory. An updated list has been requested from DCFS."

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Montano reported on the following:

- She spoke to Commissioner Cragin's caregiver who advised that Commissioner Cragin is still not feeling well and would not be attending the meeting;
- Today's meeting will be adjourned in memory of Officer Michael Sparks, Los Angeles County Police, who was killed by gunmen while off duty. Staff was directed to send a letter of condolence to his family and Margaret A. York, Chief, Los Angeles County Police; and
- The Commission will sponsor the attendance of 4 youths to the Los Angeles County Probation Department Detention Services Bureau's "A Magical Summer Night" Prom on Friday, August 13, 2004 at the Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall. The \$120 cost will cover their formal attire and personal care items. Staff was directed to send a check for same.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio advised that the current balance of the Commissioner Charitable Fund is \$1,050.40.

STAFF REPORT

B. Eugene Romig reported that the Commission's new chairs will be delivered on Monday.

Sherry Scates, staff, distributed a recent news article regarding five inmate slayings over a seven-month period in Los Angeles County's jail system. She also distributed the new Group Home Inspection form, which she revised per the Commission's direction.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Montano reviewed the following correspondence:

- A Save-the-Date flyer for the "All for the Love of Kids" awards dinner on September 23rd at the new Renaissance 14 Theater in Alhambra, which is sponsored by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich and DCFS.
- A Save-the-Date card for the Wildlife Way Station's 10th Annual Safari Brunch, benefiting the animals at the way station.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSION GOALS

Vice Chair Stathatos suggested that during the Commission's hiatus, Commissioners may want to think about what areas they would like the Commission to focus on and possible suggestions for the Commission's future goals. She further suggested that this matter be re-agendized for the next regular Commission meeting on September 8, 2004, at which time Commissioners may submit their suggestions.

FACILITY/GROUP INSPECTION REPORTS

Children's Homes of Southern California – 16 #3

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella visited this facility on August 5th and gave a rating of **satisfactory** with no areas of concern observed or noted.

Children's Homes of Southern California – 17 #2

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella visited this facility on August 9th and gave a rating of **satisfactory** with no areas of concern observed or noted.

Children's Homes of Southern California – 18 #1

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella visited this facility on August 9th and gave a rating of **satisfactory** with no areas of concern observed or noted. Vice Chair Stathatos noted that the management of this facility has developed additional educational and cultural outings, a group sport program, day camps, and has added 2 emancipation homes for ages 15-17.

Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff Station

Chair Montano and Commissioner Hammargren visited this facility on August 5th and gave it a rating of **excellent** with no areas of concern observed or reported. Commissioner Hammargren noted that this facility was so well run and the officers were so capable and well informed that this facility should be a model for other Sheriff Stations. Staff was asked to draft a letter of commendation to be sent to Captain Michael Kwan.

San Gabriel Children's Center – 97 #2

Chair Montano and Commissioner Hammergren visited this facility on August 9th and gave a rating of **satisfactory** with no areas of concern observed or reported.

San Gabriel Children's Center – 97 #3

Chair Montano and Commissioner Hammargren visited this facility on August 9th and found no one home. No inspection was conducted at that time.

Greater Hope Society – 50 #2

Commissioners Bacio and Moore visited this facility on August 10th, and gave a rating of **satisfactory**. Area of concern: First Aid kit needs restocking and the smoke detector needs batteries.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To Be Presented and Placed On a Future Meeting Agenda)

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montano adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m. in memory of Captain Michael L. Sparkes, a 30-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Police and Commanding Officer of Harbor/UCLA Medical Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Scates
Staff, Commission Services